straightening, and improving the public highways of Stanly County, to build and construct a road or roads from any point where any old church road, country road, mill road, or cartway intersecting with an old road, to a point intersecting with the new road being built or completed. The damage to the land, if any, Assessment of to be determined as set out and provided in chapter four hundred and three, Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

SEC. 3. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, Obstructing his or their agents, servants or employees, to obstruct the road officers in building roads or obtaining commissioners, or any of its agents, servants, or employees in material. opening and building said intersecting road or roads, or obtaining material for the purpose of building the same; and that after said connecting road or roads have been built, so as to intersect and connect with the new road being built or completed, that the same Obstructing roads. shall in no way be obstructed or stopped up, and that any person or persons who shall obstruct the road commissioners, or any of its agents, servants, or employees, in opening and building said intersecting road or roads, or in obtaining material for the purpose of building the same, or who shall stop up or obstruct said connecting road or roads, after it has been built, or any ditch or ditches cut for the improvement of the same, or any drain used in connection therewith and for the betterment thereof, shall be Misdemeanor. guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be Punishment. fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. That the board of road commissioners of Stanly County Upkeep of by-ways. shall not be liable for the upkeep of the intersecting road or roads above referred to.

SEC. 5. That this act shall apply only to Stanly County. Application of Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its

Ratified this the 5th day of February, A.D. 1923.

ratification.

CHAPTER 42

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBUS COUNTY TO AUDIT ALL COUNTY ACCOUNTS FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of Columbus Power extended. County be and the same are hereby authorized and empowered to audit all accounts of and affecting Columbus County for the past four years, and they are empowered to employ such auditors, Employment of accountants, or other agents as may be necessary to secure a auditors or accountants. complete audit of any and all accounts, and are authorized to pay Payment of exany and all expenses incurred therefor out of the general funds.